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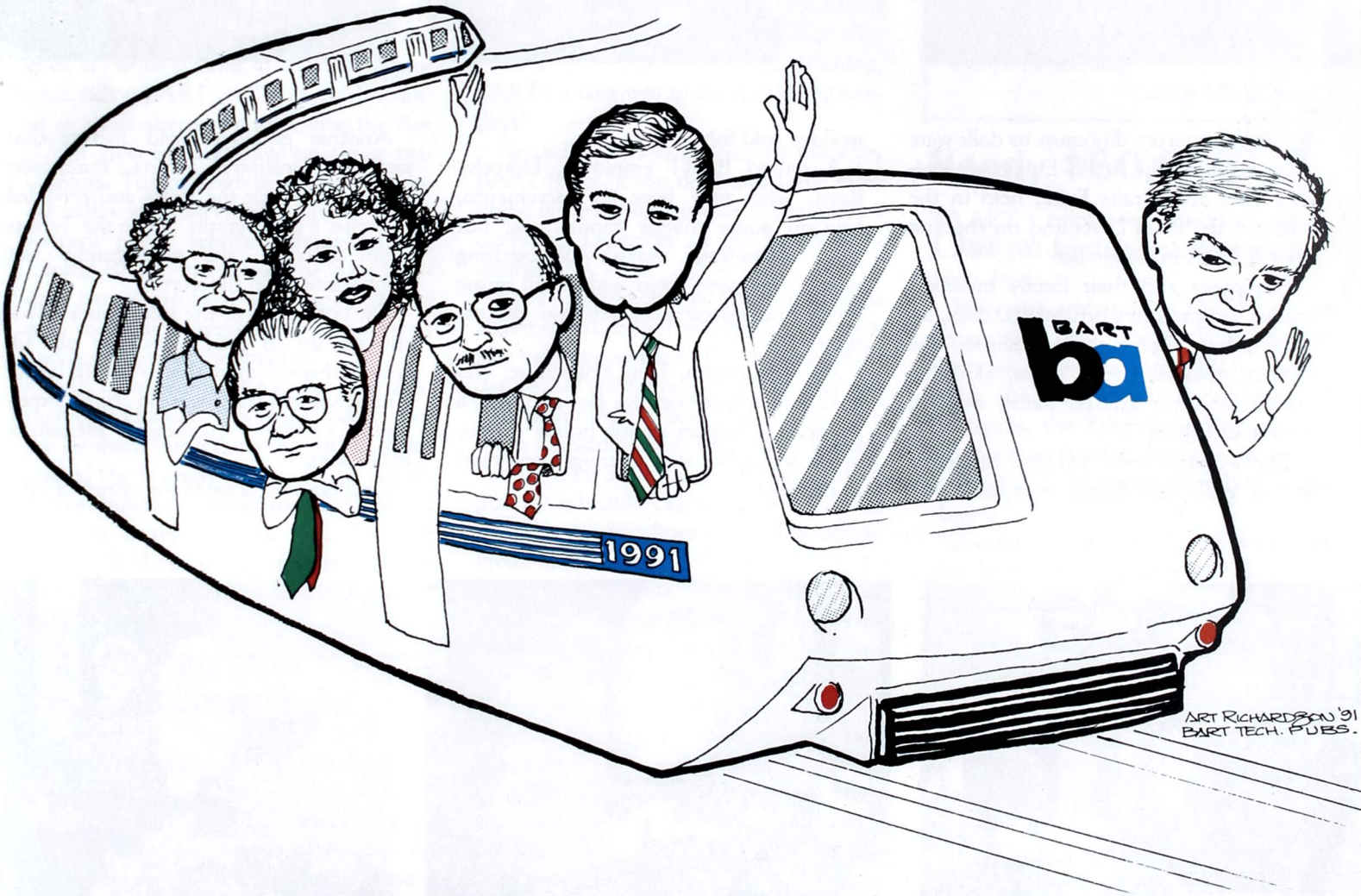


HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Dinosaurs to Dolls at Holiday Craft Faire

Everything from dinosaurs to dolls were available at the BART Employees Holiday Arts and Crafts Faire, held in the lobby at the Plaza Level and on the first floor at LMA in November.

Employees and their family members made Christmas tree ornaments, dolls, ceramic pieces, jewelry, stuffed animals, doll clothes, cookies, carrot cakes, clothing, cookie jar tops, knitted items, wooden items and T-shirts.

The wooden items included dinosaurs and a gold fish 'bowl,' complete with wooden gold fish.

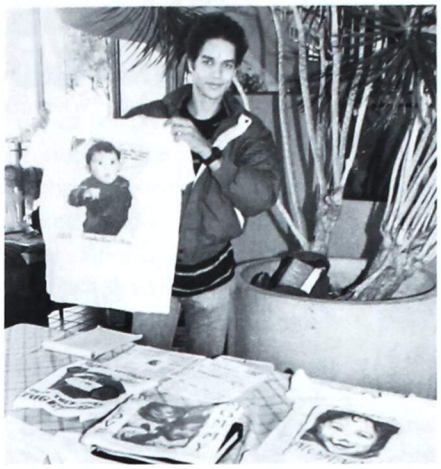
A retired BART employee, Dorothy Reed, who now lives in Sacramento, brought some snappy mousetraps, but these mousetraps weren't for catching mice. They were fitted with small music boxes and miniature Christmas decorations.

Another retiree, Don Volgamore, created quite a buzz with his jars of honey, a dividend of his bee-raising hobby. Honey lovers seemed to walk a straight line right to his table.

Another employee sold T-shirts that were no ordinary T-shirts. Purchasers placed orders for the shirts and provided the seller a photograph. When the T-shirts were delivered, the photography was photo-printed on the shirt!

On both days of the sale, Santa Claus showed up to lend a holiday air. Of course, this was more than a month before Christmas and there was no official explanation for Santa's somewhat premature appearance.

Furthermore, none of the crowd of buy-



ers and sellers at the Faire saw or heard anything to indicate that Santa had arrived by sleigh. So how did he get there? If you want an answer to that question, BARTalk suggests you ask Al Verduzco of Purchasing.

The annual event was coordinated for the third year in a row by Vicki Wills, Office of Public Information. The number of participants and the crowd of buyers were the largest she can remember and she called the event "a definite success."

Vicki had plenty of willing help from other BART employees in staging the Faire, She extends grateful thanks to BART Police, who allowed the Faire sellers to enter the lobby on the Plaza Level at 7 a.m. She also thanks Administrative Services and Facilities Maintenance.

CPR

Learn cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) now.

Call Yolanda Vega at ext. 6292 or 6293.

"New Day" for System Service

A "new day" began in October for employees of the System Service Division when they became part of the Transportation Department.

Martha C. Taylor, Manager of Station Operations, said the change was designed to improve operation efficiencies. The activities of the System Service and Station Operations departments both place emphasis on customer service, safety and a clean environment. She said the change will "better enhance the concept of ownership, teamwork and line responsibility of stations at all levels."

Bike Patrol Boosts BART Police Presence

BART Police officers Laura Clark, John Davenport, Alan Feia and Donald E. Miller are doing a lot of bicycle riding these days. They are the first members of BART's first bicycle patrol.

Now in its second month of operation, the experimental bicycle patrol is aimed at more flexible and more wide-ranging surveillance. Many areas of BART's system cannot be reached with patrol cars and the mobility of bicycles will enhance the ability of BART police to look after the safety and security of passengers, employees and facilities.

The primary duty of the patrol members is to move around BART stations and adjacent parking lots, keeping an eye out for —and discouraging by their presence—car tampering, break-ins and theft.

They are also particularly effective at monitoring crowds at BART stations. Their speed and mobility can move them quickly to the scene of any possible trouble or suspicious behavior.

Recently, officers Clark and Miller surprised two suspected automobile thieves at the El Cerrito Del Norte Station. The suspects didn't notice the two officers until they were practically on top of them. "Then they realized we were police officers," Clark says, "and they were under arrest."

The officers in the new patrol took an intensive course in biking for police purposes, including off-roading down dirt hills, curb-jumping, slow-riding in crowds and going up and down stairways. The three-day course was held in Sacramento under the auspices of the Sacramento Police Department and the California State Police.

BART Police officers Donald E. Miller and Laura Clark are part of a new four-member bicycle patrol. The bicycles offer greater flexibility in maintaining surveillance of parts of the BART system that are hard to reach in patrol cars. They also enable officers to cover more territory than they can on foot.

When members of the patrol make an arrest, and require a prisoner transport, they radio for the nearest BART beat patrol car.

Miller says that a recent concert at the Oakland Coliseum, a man on the ramp was holding a bag of marijuana up to the light. "I just rode up and said, well, thank you!" Miller pulled it from the man's hand and arrested him.

The bicycles are standard mountain bikes—with some special touches: extra racks, dual halogen lights and baton holders.

The program got started with a proposal from Sgt. Steven Langner when he was a detective. He obtained information from other law-enforcement agencies, including departments in Seattle, San Antonio, Sacramento and Las Vegas.

BART Police officials are pleased with the concept of the patrol and its results so far.

Lt. Clark Lynch, who is in charge of the patrol, says the program has proven worthwhile. "We had seventeen officers apply for the patrol. We looked for strong self-motivation, the ability to work with a minimum of supervision and physical fitness."

The patrol members can expect to be on their bikes eight to ten hours a day, depending on the shift. Usually the shifts are scheduled from mid-morning to early evening, but they are rearranged for special events that attract additional passengers to BART stations and trains.

The members of the bike patrol can't always follow the District's rule that restricts bicycles to the last car of a train. Sometimes their duties require them to board a train at any point.

Usually the patrol members can keep in contact by radio with their partners on a special channel. If they exceed the range of that channel, they can contact each other through the Central Police radio.

Passengers have been surprised to see BART Police Officers on bicycles and they usually ask the patrol members a lot of questions. The bike officers present a memorable physical presence of BART's total Police activity.

BART Police Collecting Food For Needy Families for Holidays

The BART Police Department has been involved in collecting and distributing food to needy families during the Christmas holiday season for the past twelve years. Last year, the food drive provided food to seventeen families and two shelters. The success of the program has been made possible through the generosity of the BART employees who have donated money or food.

The donated food is distributed to needy families within the District during the Christmas holiday season. Police Department personnel will be placing food collection boxes on each floor of the Lake Merritt Administration Building and the second floor of the MTC Building for food donations. Employees who report to work at remote locations and wish to donate food should call the police dispatch center at extension 7000 to arrange for pick-up of their donations.

The food drive will begin Monday, December 9, and will close on Friday, December 20 at 5 p.m.

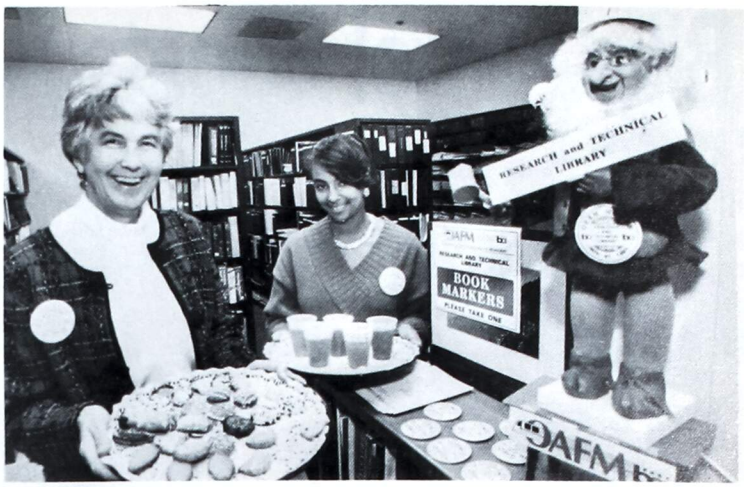
Ooops!

The Cross pen and pencil set available at BART's Company Store costs $30 for the set, not $15. The pen or pencil separately are $15 each.

The quartz watches with the rotating dials will not be available until late January.

BART's Company Store is located on the Concourse Level at LMA. It is open from 8:30 to 5 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and from 8:30 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursdays, including the noon hours. If you have a question, call Ext. 7133.

BART's second annual Retiree Celebration was held recently at the Waterfront Plaza hotel. Honored were, from left, Ross Johnson, Richard Stussi, Albert Yee, Paul Lamoreaux, Louis Davis, John Ferguson, Vivian Scott, Adele Lear, Gentry Rousseau, Wilson Molina, Lorander Sterling and Ken Gregory.



Holding a tray of cookies is Patricia Hoar, BART Librarian. The occasion was an open house in November to mark the new location of BART's Research and Technical Library. The Library is now located in Room 009, on the ground floor of the Metro Center, across the street from BART Headquarters. Helping out with a tray of punch is Fannie Wilson of Operations Administration and Facilities Management.

BART Will Host 13th Annual Safe Holidays Program

On Friday, December 20, and Tuesday, December 31, BART will host its "Thirteenth Annual Safe Holidays" program at twelve stations in an effort to promote riding BART and other public transit as a safe alternative to driving the Bay Area's crowded highways on those two evenings. The program is supported by local radio and television stations which sponsor public service announcements. Joining BART in hosting the Safe Holidays parties are local community groups who volunteer to serve free coffee, cookies and doughnuts at the stations.

BART's coordinator for the 13th Annual Safe Holidays Program is BART Police Sergeant Steve Langner. Sgt. Langner praised the volunteers who give up a part of their holidays in order to make BART's program a real success. Sgt. Langner stated, "Without the volunteers our program just would not function." He further stated, "We urge those who have had too much to drink, to ride BART instead of driving, and also to remind people that even if they have not been drinking, BART's a safer way to travel over the holidays."

According to a recent survey made by BART Police, it was determined that most of the office holidays parties will take place on Friday, December 20 and Tuesday, December 31.

On Friday, December 20, and Tuesday, December 31, BART will operate on a regular weekday schedule. BART's Safe Holiday parties will be held on those two evening beginning at 5 p.m. until 9 p.m.

On Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25, train service will be running on a Sunday schedule beginning at 8 a.m. to midnight on two lines only—Richmond/Fremont and Concord/Daly City.

Trains will operate New Year's Eve Day, Tuesday, December 31, on a regular weekday schedule until 3 a.m. On New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1, BART train service will be operating on a Sunday schedule from 8 a.m. to midnight on two lines only—Richmond/Fremont and Concord/Daly City—with trains arriving every 20 minutes.

BART Express Buses will be operating on regular schedules over the Christmas and New Year holidays with trains operating on a Sunday schedule on Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25, and on New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1.

Employee Suggestions

Dean Giebelhausen and Richard Lohman came up with an idea to modify the Concord Train Wash system. Their suggested modifications of the filtration system reduces the probability of malfunctions of the train wash on a daily basis. The installation of a small vent check valve to seal the water pressure eliminated the problem.

With Many Thanks

I would like to send a big "Thank You" to all of my fellow employees. Your love and concerns for my family and me after the loss of my father, was overwhelming.

—George Hodgerney

Nearly $60,000

BART employees pledged nearly $60,000 during the fall charitable campaign drive.

The exact amount was $59,375. Those dollars will help United Way Member Agencies, the Bay Area Black United Fund, the Environmental Federation of California, the Progressive Way and the International Service Agencies, as well as other charities designated by BART employees.

Donations were still trickling in after the close of the drive on November 15.

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RETIRED

(September 1 to November 30, 1991)

	Years of Service		Years of Service
Augusto Ongsiaco	21	Robert Duenas	17
Silverian Fernandez	20	William Snyder	17
Robert Errington	18	Hugh Williams	15

SERVICE AWARDS

(September 1 to November 30, 1991)

20 YEARS

Louis Moreno
Matthew Friedrichsen
Alaric Johnson
Larry Loos
Daniel Yee
Donald Aguilar
Verna Davis
Steven Abel
Robert Carney
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Norman On
Emilio Ricci
Marcel Diner
Richard Freitas
Billy Lane
Nick Lujan
Willie Anderson
Andrew Eschen
Earl King
C. Dell Lindsrom
Stanley Louie
Dennis Mattos
Watt Milintangkur
George Milla
Stephen Ojeda
Jack Sue
Andrew Williams

15 YEARS

Barbara Ashley
Holger Berthelsen
Helen Lopez
William Middleton
Pauline Vargas
Gary Vasconcellos
William Fleisher
Charles Beebe
Thomas Jeffries
Lester Stevens
Lawrence Sugimoto
Richard Wenzel
Henry Conklin
Herbert Hew Len
bernard La Pedis
Mitchell Morris
Steven Mullerheim
Bernard Norman
Howard Jones
Robert Kraft
James Baker
Stuart Dancer
Tyler Gee
Huey Hearty
George Hill
Charles Lodge
Alexandro Maldonado
Lawrence Snyder
Billy Terrell
Dale Thompson
Marvin Dalander
Raymond Kawamoto
Kenneth Pierce
Roy Viveros
William Means
Thomas Souza
Rafael Acevedo
Robert Cervarich
Russell Gee
John O'Leary
Fred Simon
Mildred Sowell
David Wallace
Lawrence Johnson
Theodore Legge
Glenn Hom
Bobby Dunn
Robert Hendricks
David Bennett
Gary Cagaanan

10 YEARS

Mark Torres
Robert Fernandez
Rolando Bantugan
Michael Bradley
Heather Reddick
Bruce Clanton
Terrence Tong
Jack Yee
Leslie Knight
Jordan Tolchin
Herbert Chew
Raymond Ryan
Jane Troy
Edith Miranda
Louis Machado
Ross Barber
Donald Miller
Sidney Miller
Robert Butler
Juan Espinoza
Jacqueline Johnson
Helen Kendrick
Ruel Robbins
Kenneth Meiring
John Palmer
Chris Brown
Joseph Grosser
Raymond Mok
Rocky Young
Edmund Dutkowski
David Adams

5 YEARS

Ber-Name Lin
Roberto Abao
Richard Douglass
John Slama
William Barnes
Skip Hamer
Christopher Ortiz
Andrea Ravas
Sylvia Young
John Davenport III
Harley Goldstrom
Leyda Brown
Diane Fletcher
James Ginsbach
Richard Lee
James McGrath
Mohinder Singh
Jimmie Stuart
Austin Thomas III
Rose Tobin

NEW HIRES

Vinod Chopra
Brandes Ebb
Robert Haney Jr
Christine McInerney
Thomas Spiekerman
Helen Guerra
John Chiang
Laura King
Ralph Stewart
Hok-Ting Cheung
Paul Gardner
Rodney Grant
Robert Hall Jr
Brenda Hom
Russell Hom
Steven Kappler
Matilda Kennedy
Tracy Wade
Christopher Young
Wayne Wong
Tammi Hardy
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